पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) उत्पाद की कमी के कारण पूरे देश में 20,000 और इससे अधिक आबादी वाले तथा व्यवहार्य डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप कायम करने की क्षमता रखने वाले लगभग 500 स्थानों को एल पी जी (रसोई गैस) की वितरण योजना में अब तक शामिल करना संभव नहीं हो पाया है ।

(ग) किसी बाजार को आर्थिक रूप से तभी व्यवहार्य समझा जाता है जब प्रचालन के चौथे वर्ष तक संबंधित नगर के लिए निर्धारित उच्चतम सीमा के 75 प्रतिशत तक की बिक्री की संभावना होती है ।

उत्तर प्रदेश में रसोई गैस एजेंसी और पेट्रोल पंप स्थापित किया जाना

1214. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में रसोई गैस एजेंसियों और पेट्रोल पम्पों की स्थापना हेतु कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां से इस प्रकार की मांग प्राप्त हुई है और यह मांग कब पूरी की गई; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उन क्षेत्रों में रसोई गैस एजेंसी और पेट्रोल पम्प स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र की डीलरशिपों और एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की स्थापना तथा उनके आबंटन हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश समेत देश के विभिन्न भागों से समय समय पर आवेदन प्राप्त होते रहते हैं । सर्वेक्षण के उपरान्त उद्योग के मानकों को पूरा करने वाले स्थानों को डीलरशिपों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की वितरण योजनाओं में सम्मिलित किया जाता है । खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र के डीलरों/एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों की नियुक्ति हेतु चयन करने के लिए विज्ञापनों के प्रति आवेदन करने वाले तथा पात्रता के मानदण्ड को पूरा करने वाले लोगों का तेल चयन बोर्ड द्वारा साक्षात्कार लिया जाता है । डीलरों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों का चयन कार्य प्रगति पर है ।

Bursting of Burani-Gadapan gas pipeline in Rajasthan

1215. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Burani-Gadapan gas pipeline in Rajasthan has burst for the 3rd time while on testing;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action is being taken to fix the responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) During hydrostatic testing of the second section of the pipeline, three pipes out of a total of more than 2500 pipes failed. The reasons for the failure, during testing, on the Boreri-Gadepan pipeline are under investigation.

Supply of LPG to the Consumers

1216. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of agencies running at present to supply LPG to the consumers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the services of the LPG dealers rendered to the consumers by supplying LPG Cylinders at the fixed rate in the country, particularly in Muzaffarpur Town of North Bihar;

(c) if so, whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in 'Jansatta' dated 9th July, 1993 regarding artificial scarcity of LPG cylinders made by LPG dealers;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto; and

(e) whether any concrete remedial steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the LPG dealers supply LPG at a fixed rate in the country alongwith the small rural towns and particularly in Muzaffarpur town of North Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) There were 4132 LPG distributors in the country as on 1-4-1993. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement. (see below)

(b) the LPG distributors all over the country are under instructions and obligation to sell refills only at the retail selling price fixed by the Government.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However, in the in-

vestigations conducted by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation, the charges could not substantiated.

(c) In order to prevent malpractices including black-marketing and overcharging the price, regular and surprise inspections are carried out by the field staff of the oil companies. All complaints against the LPG distributors are investigated and whenever established, action is taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Statement

Statewise LPG Distributors as on 1-4-1993

STATE	
Andhra Pradesh	335
Arunachal Pradesh	14
Assam	107
Bihar	150
Goa	28
Gujarat	297
Haryana	124
Himachal Pradesh	56
Jammu & Kashmir	57
Karnataka	247
Kerala	172
Madhya Pradesh	226
Maharashtra	558
Manipur	10
Meghalaya	15
Mizoram	10
Nagaland	14
Orissa	85
Punjab	171
Rajasthan	170
Sikkim	2
Tamilnadu	309
Tripura	10
Uttar Pradesh	457
West Bengal	229
SUB-TOTAL :	3873
Union Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	1
Chandigarh	27
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Delhi	222
Daman & Diu	2
Lakshadweep	1
Pondicherry	5
SUB-TOTAL :	259
ALL INDIA :	4132

Completion of Karnal Refinery

1217. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by what time the Karnal Refinery is going to be completed;

(b) whether Government propose to set up ancilliaries alongwith refineries, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what benefits are likely to accrue to the local people on account of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Karnal Refinery now re-named as Panipat Refinery is expected to be mechanically completed within 54 months from 7th October 1992; the date of Government's approval.

(b) and (c) While there is no provision for setting up of ancilliary units at present along with the refinery, possibility of setting up of such units by State Govts/private entrepreneurs exists.

Disinvestment of Bharat Petroleum Shares

1218. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many shares of Bharat Petroleum were put up for sale in the recent P. S. U. disinvestment scheme;

(b) who was the broker who helped sell the shares; and

(c) what amount was realised for Bharat Petroleum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (c) According to the Department of Public Enterprises, during October and December,